

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 5, 2007. Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the above noted amendments and the following remarks in response to the Office Action.

CLAIM REJECTIONS:

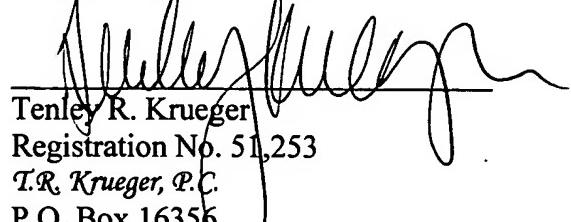
Claim 71 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,391,467 (*DeLisio*). The Office Action states that *DeLisio* discloses a method for casting a film consisting essentially of a homopolymer of sPP. Applicants disagree. *DeLisio* teaches a cast film including a metallocene-catalyzed substantially syndiotactic propylene polymer. *See*, Column 1, lines 54-56. By substantially syndiotactic propylene polymer it is meant that the polymer generally possesses a syndiotacticity of at least 60%. *See*, Column 2, lines 1-2. Substantially syndiotactic propylene polymer does not mean that the cast film consists essentially of the sPP, as recited in the pending claims. *DeLisio* further teaches that the film can be fabricated with one or more outer layers formed of isotactic polypropylene, propylene copolymers and propylene terpolymers. *See*, column 2, lines 19-41. *DeLisio* does not teach or suggest casting a film, the film consisting essentially of a homopolymer of syndiotactic propylene (sPP), as recited in the pending claims.

Further, the propylene polymer of *DeLisio* has a melting point of about 135°C or higher. *See*, column 2, lines 12-13. Applicants have submitted new claim 72 herein reciting that the homopolymer of syndiotactic propylene exhibits a melting temperature of from about 125°C to less than 135°C. Support for such amendment is found in at least paragraph 6 of the specification. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 43-70 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *DeLisio*. Applicants distinguished *DeLisio* from the pending claims in the above discussion and feel that repeating such arguments is unnecessary. Based on such previously presented arguments, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

As discussed above, *DeLisio* does not teach, show or suggest the features of the pending claims. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

Respectfully submitted,


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